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# Meet the Illinois Wesleyan Class of 2021

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Illinois Wesleyan welcomed approximately 420 new students in one of its most diverse entering classes for a week of Turning Titan orientation activities beginning Aug. 22.

Meet the class of 2021:

- They come from 18 different states, from California to Louisiana, Colorado to Minnesota, Wisconsin to Georgia, and many points between.
- They come from 15 different countries, including China, Egypt, Jamaica, Nigeria, South Korea, and Vietnam.
- They're interested in pursuing 47 different academic programs. They're open to exploration: 11% have yet to declare a major.
- 57 are legacy students, who've had a close family member or relative attend Illinois Wesleyan; but
- 62 are first-generation students – among the first in their family to go to college.
- They are one of the most diverse entering classes to enroll at Illinois Wesleyan, with 131 students self-identifying as MALANA (Multiracial, African-American, Latino-Hispanic, Asian-American and Native American) or international students. This represents over 31% of the entire class.

Approximately 370 students – more than 80% of the class – signed up for Mission Day activities on Friday, Aug. 25. This one-day event provides all new Titans the opportunity to be involved in experiencing aspects of Illinois Wesleyan's mission, such as civic engagement, diversity, global citizenship, social justice or environmental sustainability.



The Illinois Wesleyan Class of 2021.  
[See a photo album with orientation-week highlights.](#)

